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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 10
1200 Sixth Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98101

Reply To
Attn Of: OW-137

April 29, 1998

Mr. Jo Miles
City of Toppenish
21 West First Street
Toppenish, Washington 98948

RE: Permanent Closure of Underground Storage Tank(s) at **(Toppenish City Shops, Yakama Indian Nation, Facility ID #4-260015)**

Dear Mr. Miles:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) received your Completion of Underground Storage Tank Removal/Closure documents on October 21, 1996 for the fuel tank(s) at the City Shops located near West First Street in Toppenish, Washington.

Based on the information submitted, EPA has determined that closure of your tanks appears to conform to the permanent closure requirements stated in 40 C.F.R. §§ 280.71 and 280.72, even though information provided was not conclusive. Only one soil sample was collected from the excavation rather than the multiple sidewall and pit bottom samples normally expected. Also, one ground water sample was collected immediately following a 1500 gallon purge, thus potentially biasing the data low. However, there have not been reported complaints of human health or environmental effects relative to your facility in over four years since your tanks were closed.

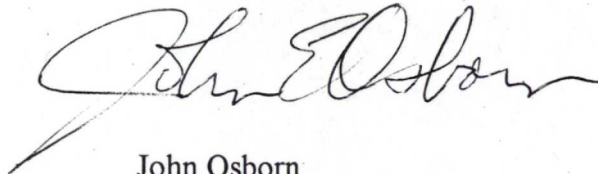
After considering the above referenced concerns relative to this closure, EPA has determined that further cleanup activities do not appear warranted at this time, nor would it be an efficient use of anyone's resources to attempt further cleanup at this site. However, in the event additional information becomes available indicating the site may pose a hazard to human health or



the environment, EPA may require additional future cleanup activity until state targets have been achieved.

If you need additional information regarding this issue, please call me at (206) 553-0837, or toll free at 1-800 424-4372, extension 0837.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Osborn". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

John Osborn

cc: Moses D. Squeochs, Yakama Indian Nation
Robin Slate, EPA WOO